

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1 and 13 and cancel claims 2 and 14 as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) Method for real-time addition of statistics definitions and for achieving real-time reporting in a telephone switching system, comprising:
 - a database containing information of essential importance to the telephone switching system;
 - a database manager, whose function is to maintain the database;
 - one or more service providers;
 - wherein the method comprises the steps of:
 - receiving by means of the database manager a registration of the service provider;
 - having the database manager send the service provider an inquiry asking for information about services produced by it;
 - storing service definition data supplied by the service provider in the database; and
 - generating a new definitions file for reporting purposes on the basis of the service definition data in the database;
 - checking a version number of the service produced by the service provider; and
 - asking the service provider to supply service definition data about the services produced by it if the version number of the service provided is previously unknown; or
 - giving the service provider a request for the service if the version number of the service provided is known.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Previously Presented) Method as defined in claim 1, wherein
a version number of the service provided by the service provider is checked when
a request for the service is given to the service provider; and
the service request is canceled if the service version number returned by the
service provider is previously unknown.

4. (Previously Presented) Method as defined in claim 1, wherein
address data of the database manager is reported to a name service.

5. (Previously Presented) Method as defined in claim 1, wherein address
data of the database manager is established via an inquiry to a name service.

6. (Previously Presented) Method as defined in claim 1, wherein
individual identification data is attached to each piece of information produced by the
service provider.

7. (Previously Presented) Method as defined in claim 1, wherein the service definition data are divided into fixed specification data and network-element specific data.

8. (Previously Presented) Method as defined in claim 1, wherein the database manager is given a reference to a file that contains information about content of the service produced by the service provider.

9. (Previously Presented) Method as defined in claim 1, wherein the service definition data collected by the database manager are stored in several different databases based on data types.

10. (Previously Presented) Method as defined in claim 1, wherein definitions files are generated on the basis of the service definition data contained in the database.

11. (Previously Presented) Method as defined in claim 1, wherein reports are generated on the basis of a definitions file produced by the database manager.

12. (Previously Presented) Method as defined in claim 1, wherein a definitions file previously defined is deleted or changed.

13. (Currently Amended) System for real-time addition of statistics definitions and for achieving real-time reporting in a telephone switching system, comprising:

a database containing information of essential importance to the telephone switching system;

a database manager, whose function is to maintain the database;

one or more service providers;

wherein the system comprises:

means for receiving a registration of a service provider by means of the database manager;

means for requesting information about services produced by the service provider, using the database manager;

means for storing service definition data supplied by the service provider in the database; and

means for generating a new definitions file for reporting purposes on the basis of the service definition data in the database;

means for checking a version number of the service produced by the service provider;

means for asking the service provider to supply service definition data about the services produced by it if the version number of the service provided is previously unknown; and

means for giving the service provider a request for the service if the version number of the service provided is known.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Previously Presented) System as defined in claim 13, wherein the system comprises:

means for checking a version number of the service produced by the service provider; and

means for canceling a service request.

16. (Previously Presented) System as defined in claim 13, wherein the system comprises means for reporting the database manager to a name service.

17. (Previously Presented) System as defined in claim 13, wherein the system comprises means for establishing address data of the database manager via an inquiry to a name service.

18. (Previously Presented) System as defined in claim 13, wherein the system comprises means for attaching individual identification data to information produced by the service provider.

19. (Previously Presented) System as defined in claim 13, wherein the system comprises means for dividing the definition data into fixed definitions and network-element specific data.

20. (Previously Presented) System as defined in claim 13, wherein the system comprises means for giving the database manager a reference to a file that contains information about content of the service produced by the service provider.

21. (Previously Presented) System as defined in claim 13, wherein the system comprises means for storing the service definition data collected by the database manager in several different databases on the basis of data types.

22. (Previously Presented) System as defined in claim 13, wherein the system comprises means for generating definitions files on the basis of the service definition data contained in the database.

23. (Previously Presented) System as defined in claim 13, wherein the system comprises means for generating a report on the basis of a definitions file produced by the database manager.

24. (Previously Presented) System as defined in claim 13, wherein the system comprises means for deleting or changing a definitions file previously defined.